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Mr. TIMOTHY,

As you requeſt me to write you my Sentiments as Leiſure permits, I have endeavoured in the beſt Manner to oblige you with a ſubſequent Diſcourſe, and which is generally the Source and Forerunner of my former Account of Bankruptcy, and for the Merchant's better Conduct amongſt his Neighbours.

CREDIT is ſo much a Merchant's Bleſſing, that 'tis the choiceſt Ware he deals in, and he cannot be too careful of it when he has it, or buy it too dear when he wants it; 'tis a Stock to his Store, 'tis current Money in his Caſh Cheſt, it accepts all his Bills, for 'tis on the Fund of his Credit that he has any Bills to accept; Demands would elſe be all made upon the Spot, and he muſt pay for his Goods before he has them; therefore I ſay, it accepts all his Bills and oftentimes pays them too: In a Word, 'tis the Life and Soul of his Buſineſs, and it requires his utmoſt Vigilance to preſerve it. A Merchant has but two Sorts of Enemies to encounter with, *viz. Thieves* breaking open his Houſe, and *ill Neighbours* blackening and blaſting his Reputation, and the latter are the worſt Thieves of the two, by a great deal, and therefore People ſhould indeed be more careful of their Diſcourſe of 'em, than of any other Men, and that as they would not be guilty of Murther.

A Merchant's *Credit* and a Virgin's *Virtue* ought to be equally ſacred from the Tongues of Men, and 'tis a very unhappy Truth, as Times now go, they are neither of them regarded among us as they ought to be: The Tea Table among the Ladies, and the Tavern among the Men ſeem to be places of new Invention for a Depravation of our Manners and Morals, Places devoted to Scandal, and where the Characters of all kinds of Perſons are handled in the moſt mercileſs Manner, where Reproach triumphs, and we ſeem to give our ſelves a Looſe to fall upon one another in the moſt unchriſtian and unfriendly Manner in the World. It ſeems a little hard that the Reputation of a young Lady, or of a new married Couple, or of People in the moſt critical Seaſon of eſtabliſhing the Characters of their Perſons and Families, ſhould lie at the Mercy of the Tea-Table: Nor is it leſs hard, that the Credit of a Merchant, which is the ſame Thing in its Nature as the Virtue of a Lady, ſhould be toſſed about Shuttle cock like, from one to another, till they ſhall talk all his Creditors about his Ears, and bring him to the very Misfortune which they reported him to be near, when at the ſame Time he ow'd them nothing who rais'd the Clamour, and ow'd nothing to all the World but what he was able to pay.

And yet how many Men have been thus undone, and how many more have been put to the full Trial of their Strength in Buſineſs, and have ſtood by the meer Force of their good Circumſtances? Whereas had they been unfurniſh'd with Caſh to have anſwered their whole Debts, they muſt have fallen with the reſt.

A Merchant's Credit is of the moſt niceſt Nature imaginable, like a Blite upon a fine Flower, if it is but touch'd, the Beauty of it, or the Flavour of it, or the Seed of it, is loſt, tho' the noxious Breath which touch'd it might not reach to blaſt the Leaf or hurt the Root; the Credit of a Merchant, at leaſt in his beginning, is too much at the Mercy of every Enemy he has, till it has taken Root, and is eſtabliſh'd on a ſolid Foundation of good Conduct and Succeſs: 'Tis a ſad Truth, that every idle Tongue can blaſt a young Beginner, and therefore, tho' I would not diſcourage any one, yet it is highly beneficial to alarm them, and to let them know, that they ought to expect a Storm of Scandal and Reproach upon the leaſt Slip they make; if they but ſtumble, *Fame* will throw them down, 'tis true, if they recover, ſhe will ſet them up as faſt, but *Malice* generally runs before, and bears down all with it, and there are ten Men who fall under the Weight of Slander and an ill Tongue, to one that is lifted up by the common Hurry of Report.

I muſt ſay, in the Merchant's behalf, that he is in ſuch a Caſe to be eſteemed a Sacrifice to the worſt and moſt helliſh of all ſecret Crimes, I mean *Envy*, which is of the Devil, was born of Hell, and is made up of every hateful Vice, a Complication of Crimes which nothing but the worſt of God's reaſonable World can be guilty of, and he that falls thus will indeed merit and call for every honeſt Man's Pity and Concern; but what Relief is this to him? for in the mean Time, tho' the Devil himſelf were the raiſer of the Scandal, nay, tho' a viſible Apparition from Hell itſelf openly and avowedly carried the Report about, yet it ſhall go about, the Blow ſhall take, and every Man, tho' at the ſame Time expreſſing their Horror and Averſion at the Thing, ſhall yet not be able, no not themſelves, to ſay they receive no Impreſſion from it.

Tho' I know the Clamour or Rumour was raiſed maliciouſly, and from a ſecret Envy at the Proſperity of the Man, yet if I deal with him, it will in ſpite of all my Abhorrence of the Thing, in ſpite of all my Willingneſs to do Juſtice, I ſay it will have ſome little Impreſſion upon me, it will be ſome Shock to my Confidence in the Man; and tho' I know the Devil is a Liar, a Slanderer, a Calumniator, and that his Name *Devil* is derived from it; and that I knew, if that as I ſaid were poſſible, that the Devil in his proper Perſon, rais'd and begun, and carried on this Scandal upon the Merchant, yet there is a ſecret lurking Doubt (about him) which hangs upon me, concerning him; the Devil is a Liar, but he may happen to ſpeak Truth juſt then, he may chance to be right, and I know not what there may be in it, and whether there may be any Thing or no, but I will have a little Care, &c.

Thus inſenſibly and involuntarily, nay, in ſpite of Friendſhip, Good wiſhes, and even Reſolution to the contrary, 'tis almoſt impoſſible to prevent our being ſhock'd by Rumour, and we receive an Impreſſion whether we will or not, and that from the worſt Enemy; there is ſuch a powerful Sympathy between our Thoughts and our Intereſt, that the firſt being but touch'd, and that in the lighteſt Manner imaginable, we cannot help it, caution Steps on in behalf of the laſt, and the Man is jealous and afraid in ſpite of all the kindeſt and beſt Intentions in the World.

It is very rarely that Men are wanting to their own Intereſt, and the Jealouſy of its being but in Danger, is enough

enough to make Men forget not Friendſhip only, and Generoſity, but Good Manners, Civility, and even Juſtice it ſelf: Men will fall upon the beſt Friends they have in the World, if they think they are in the leaſt Danger of ſuffering by them.

On theſe Accounts it is, and many more, that a Merchant walks in continual Jeopardy, from the Looſeneſs and Inadvertency of Men's Tongues, aye, and Women's too, for tho' I would be very tender of the Ladies, and would do Juſtice to the Sex, by telling you, they are not the dangerouſt People I have in View, yet I muſt be allow'd to ſay, that they are ſometimes fully even with the Men, for ill Uſage, when they pleaſe to fall upon them in this nice Article, in Revenge for any Slight, or but pretended Slight put upon them.

Of what fatal Conſequence then is the raiſing ſuch Rumours and Suſpicions, and how little do thoſe who are the forwardeſt to do it, conſult Conſcience, or Principle, or Honour? how little do they conſider they are committing as bad as Murther? and that in reſpect to the Juſtice of it, they may with much more Equity break open the Merchant's Houſe, and rob his Caſh-Cheſt or his Store, and what they can carry away thence, will not do him half the Injury than Robbing his Character of what is due to it from an upright and diligent Conduct, would do: The Loſs of his Money or Goods is eaſily made up, and may be ſometimes repaired with Advantage, but the Loſs of Credit is never repair'd; the one is Breaking open his Houſe, but the other is Burning it down; the one carries away ſome Goods, but the other ſhuts out Goods from coming in; one is hurting the Merchant, but the other is undoing him.

Credit is the Merchant's Life, 'tis as the Wiſeman ſays, *Marrow to his Bones*, 'tis by this that all his Affairs go on proſperouſly and pleaſantly; if this be hurt, wounded or weakened, he hangs his Head, is dejected and diſcouraged, and if he does go on, it is heavily and with Difficulty, as well as with Diſadvantage; he is beholden to his Fund of Caſh, not his Friends, and he may be truly ſaid to ſtand upon his own Legs, for nothing elſe can ſupport him.

I am,

Yours,

PHILANDER.

Mr. Timothy,

YOur Friend takes a wonderful deal of Pains, to repeat and prove over a ſecond Time, what none, who are converſant of the daily Tranſactions of Mankind, will diſpute; I don't obſerve that I inſinuate in the leaſt, to the contrary of what at firſt he aſſerted, which was, That a great many Merchants are often cruel to their poor Debtors. I allow his Aſſertion is true, and he approves ſeemingly, that Creditors meet ſometimes with ungenerous Uſage, which was all my Aim in the few Lines I ſent you.

In his *P. S.* I cannot agree with him; the Fault I find is with his want of common good Manners: For he very bluntly gives me the Lye; what room there is for it I cannot ſee, and ſince he cannot prove it, he is no longer fit for a Converſation of this Nature, ſo I diſdain addreſſing to him. When People deal in Ribaldry and rude Language, their Wit is at low Ebb; I am quite aſham'd of him. Pray, deſire him to waſh his Face and go to Bed.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charleſtown,

Entred inwards.

Ship Baltick Merchant, George Mackenzie from Briſtol.
——Carolina Merchant, Wm Potter from Iſle of May.

Entred out.
None.

Clear'd for Departure.

Sloop Mary, Joſ Hinſon to New-York.
Sloop Nottingham, Thomas Parmyter to Philadelphia.
—— Monitta, Geo. Fox to Boſton.

EXPORTED from this PLACE ſince *Nov.* 1, 1735.

Rice 21893 Barrels, & 1417 Baggs Pitch 5077, Tarr 476, Turpentine 1950. Whereof 8681 Barrels and 1031 Bags of Rice to the Southward of *Cape-Finiſterre*.

PRICES of the following GOODS.

Rice	40 s.	Flower	4 l.
Pitch, Tar, Turpentine	no demand.	Brown Bread	
		Middl.	none.
		White	none.
Indian Corn per B.	12 s. 6 d.	Milk Biſket	none.
Skins per Pound	20 s.	Ship Bread	4 l.
Salt per Buſhel	7 s. 6 d.	Melaſſes per Hogſh.	10 s.
Wine per Pipe	75 l.	Barbadoes Rum	12 s. 6 d.

Advertiſements.

JOHN HAMMERTON Eſq; Receiver-General, gives this Publick Notice, That there is due to the Crown from many People in this Province, two Years Arrears of Quit-Rents for the new granted Lands, and that he is obliged to diſtrain for them as well as the old Rents, if not prevented by an immediate Payment of the ſaid Rents.

THE 23d *Day of* April *being* St. George's *Day, will be a Meeting of the Members of* St. George's *Society, at the Houſe of Mr.* Charles Shepheard, *who will deliver Tickets to the Members, without which no Perſon will be admitted,*

By Order of the Preſident,

J. BASSNET, *Secr.*

This is to give Notice to all Perſons that have any Demands upon the Eſtate of *Robert Young*, deceaſed, are deſired to bring in their Account to *Griffith Bullard*, Hatter in Broad-ſtreet, and thoſe who are any ways indebted to the Eſtate of the ſaid *Robert Young*, eſpecially thoſe who hired the Slaves belonging to the ſaid Eſtate ſince his deceaſe, are deſired to pay their reſpective Debts before the firſt of *May* next, or they will be proceeded againſt according to Law.

N B. All Perſons that are any ways indebted to the ſaid *Bullard*, are deſired to pay the reſpective Debts due to him by the 1ſt of *May* next, or they'll be ſued without further Notice.

This is to give Notice to all Gentlemen and others, that *Thomas Beckitt* who being advertiſed in the 3 laſt Gazettes, being diſcharged from my Service, has enter'd in my Service again, this is to acquaint all Gentlemen and others who has any concern with me, that they may lawfully pay unto the ſaid *Thomas Beckitt* any Debt, Bill or Bond on my Account and his Receipt ſhall be a diſcharge from

Your humble Servant

John Brand.

All Perſons indebted to Mrs. *Drayton*, by any Bonds or bills, are deſired to pay off the ſame by the laſt of *May* next, and thoſe indebted to her by Book-Debts, to pay the ſame on or before the ſaid time, or they will be proſecuted. A Negro Wench that waſhes and Irons well, likewiſe two Lotts at *Aſhley* Ferry to be ſold by

ANN DRAYTON.

To be Sold for preſent pay or Credit till the next Crop, a very convenient Plantation containing 500 Acres of Land, ſuitable for Rice Corn or Stock, with ſeveral uſeful Buildings, whereon *Noah hurt Blenco* deceas'd lately lived, pleaſantly ſituated on *Cheha* River. Any one inclin'd to purchaſe, may agree with Meſſrs. *Jenys* & *Baker*, or Mr. *Joſeph Wragg* Merchants in *Charleſtown*, Adminiſtrators to the ſaid *Blenco*. Likewiſe two Tracts of old granted Land, at 12 d. per 100 Acres Quit-Rent, containing in the whole 817 Acres lying on the North-Eaſt-ſide of *Combehee* River, below the Ferry, reputed extraordinary Land: Whoever is minded to purchaſe the ſame may treat with Mr. *Joſeph Wragg* in *Charleſtown*.

Just arrived in the *Samuel, Hugh Piercy* from *London*, and to be sold by *Giles Bellinger*, in the late Dwelling House of Mr. *Alex Peronneau*, near the Bay in Broad-street, *a fresh parcel of choice ribbons and girdles, fans, gloves, rolls and wires, short aprons, work'd petty-coats, lone and cane hoop petty-coats, womens and childrens stays, and lone jackets, brown and white buckram, silk, twist and buttons, womens and girls silk, callimanco, ticken, morrocco, and calf leather shoes, and several other sorts of* European *goods, at the lowest Prices. Likewise* New-England *axes, hoes, fresh* Jamaica *lime juice, and sals ready pack'd in rice barrels at* 7 s. 6 d. *per bushel.*

To be Sold a Plantation containing about 800 Acres of Land, scituate on *Forster's* Creek in the Parish of St *James Goose-Creek*, about 200 Acres of it is at present under very good Fence for pasturage and planting, the Remaining 600 Acres is most of it well timber'd, Wood-land and runs down from *Forster's* Creek between the Church and Parsonage House to *Goose Creek*, about 30 or 40 Yards distance from the Bridge: There is on the Plantation a tollerable Dwelling-house, (built indeed after the *Rustic Order*,) and other Out-houses, a very good new Barn and other conveniencies, a Garden pleasantly scituated and plaid planted with variety of Herbage and Fruit Trees. The Plantation is now in very good order for a Crop for the ensuing Year, and may be entered on at 10 Days warning. The Purchaser may have what Credit he pleases, and may treat concerning the same with

CHARLES PINCKNEY.

To be Lett or Sold the new House in Broad-street, between Mr *Whitaker* and Mr. *Breton's*, belonging to the Estate of *John Lewis* deceas'd. Enquire of *Isaac Charden.*

These are once more to give Notice to all Persons indebted to me, that I am still willing to take good Rice in payment at the Market price from this Day to the 1st of *May*, and as I don't propose shipping any more Rice this Season after that time, such as have not then pay'd me what was due last *January*, nor otherways ended their Accounts, must expect to be sued for the same by orders from *James Cokatt*. By whom is to be sold choice good butter, strong beer, tallow, mould candles, groats or oatmeal, and almost every other kind of useful goods at the lowest Prices, for ready Money or Credit to next *January*.

ON Monday the 12th of this Instant *April* will be sold at Auction by the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Mr *Joseph Pendarvis* deceased, at his Plantation on *Charlestown* Neck, the Negroes, Cattle, Horses and other Personal Estate of the said deceased: Credit will be given for the Slaves till the 25th of *March* next, paying interest and giving Bond with Security, the other part of the said Estate to be sold for ready Money. The said Executors desire all Persons who have any thing due from the said Estate, to make their Demands, and they shall be paid; and those indebted thereto, are requested to make payment or give Bond for the same to carry Interest, otherwise they will be sued without further notice.

The Sale to begin at 10 o'Clock in the Morning. *NB.* no delivery will be made of any thing sold till the Money is paid, or Bond given as above mentioned.

To be Sold

A Plantation of 500 Acres upon *Sampitt-River*: for Soil, Timber, Lightwood, and scituation equal perhaps (if not superior) to any Tract of like quantity in all *Winyaw*; and at 12 d. per hundred *Quit Rent*, likewise 3 pleasant Front-Lotts, in *George Town* with Houses upon them, and a large convenient Garden ready fenc'd in. And whereas it has been suggested (I say not, *designedly*) in prejudice to the Sale of the aboves'aid Plantation, that Mr. *Weekly* had a prior Grant for it; the *Subscriber* has examin'd more narrowly into it, and finds the *Date* in his own Favour by several Years, and will make a good and firm title to any who shall purchase.

JOSIAH SMITH.

Just imported, Variety of *European* and *India* Goods, viz. *Divers sorts of colour'd and white callicoes, check'd linnens, muslin, fine nuns, menagie, bag and garlix bollands, and cambricks, 3 quarters, 7 eighths and yard wide garlix, sheeting linnens, damask tabling and napkining, mens and womens thread and silk hose, womens silk, callimanco, ticken and calf leather shoes, variety of india chints, super fine bohea tea, silk handkerchiefs, fine hair powder, canvas and whalebone for stays, fine corded dimitys, rich double grounded brocades, india and other damasks and taffities, strip'd sattins, figur'd grograms, good osnabrigs, boys and girls thread hose of all sizes, &c. To be sold very cheap by* W. Stone, *at Col.* Hext's *new house in Tradd-street.*

N.B. *A pair of very handsome sconces with gilt frames, and a neat mahogony card table, with a back-gammon board, dice, men and boxes compleat, to be sold.*

To be Sold a Tract of Land containing 600 Acres, scituate on the middle Branch of *Stono* River, joining to Mr. *Richard Capers*, with a very good Dwelling-house Barn and other Conveniencies thereon, very good Land for Rice and Corn, and well stock'd with Cypress

WILLIAM EMMS.

To be Lett

THE House where *John Cleland* Esq; now lives in, by the 1st of *August* next. Enquire of *Alexander Smith.*

Whereas there is several Debts, upon Bond, Notes and Accounts due to me, and should have been paid last Year, and this Spring, but not withstanding the several Solicitations and Requests made for the Payment thereof it hath had no Effect: These are therefore to give notice to all Persons who are indebted to me, as aforesaid, that they pay off and discharge their several respective Debts on or before the 1st of *May* next, I being design'd at that time to depart this Province for the sake of my Health, upon non performance of which they'll be sued without further notice by the Attorneys of *Daniel Greene.*

To be Sold

A Tract of Land scituated lying and being in *Christ-Church* Parish in *Berkley* County, between the Lands of Mr. *George Hadrell* and *Elias Hancock* deceased, about half a Mile facing *Charlestown*, containing 416 Acres, having about 100 clear'd in Pasture, and the rest very good Timber Land for sawing, and Fire-wood, and planting of Provisions, being a pleasant scituation. Any one that hath a mind to purchase the same may treat with *Daniel Greene.*

To be Sold

A Tract of Land scituated lying and being on both sides of *Sampitt* Creek, navigable for any Periauger about 10 Miles from *George Town*, containing 2000 Acres, being most of it choice Rice Land, very good Lightwood, Timber and Corn Land, never pick'd, lately belonging to *Edward Weekely* deceased. Any one that hath a mind to purchase the same may agree with *Wm. Weekely* Son of the said *Edw. Weekely* or *Dan. Greene* Merchant in *Charlestown.*

Lost from Mrs. *Trott's* Landing, Tuesday Night the 30th of *March*, a large Canoe with 4 Oars in her, belonging to the *Rose*: Whoever brings her on board the said Ship, or gives an Account of her at Capt *Windham's* so as she may be had again shall receive 4 l. reward.

Whereas on the 14th of *March*, 1704, certain Articles of Agreement was executed betwern *Peter Williamson*, then of this Province, Esq; and *Charles Symons*, then of *Biddiford* in the County of *Devon*, Merchant, concerning One Thousand Acres of and situate on Santee River, which Writing came to the Hands of *Thomas Ellery* of *South-Carolina*, Gent. about 14 Years since, among many others (of great Value) that formerly were in the Possession of *George Evans* Esq; deceased. And as the Subscriber hath hitherto delivered (*gratis*) all such Writings as properly belonged to every Person justly claiming the same, he is now ready to deliver the above, and all other Writings in his Custody to the respective Owner or Owners of them.

THOMAS ELLERY.